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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants bring the disclosures attached and listed on completed Form PTO-1449 to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application.

WO 95/26209 corresponds to U.S. Patent Nos. 5,562,646, 5,599,335 and 5,669,894.
JP-A-514934/2002 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,851,672. JP-A-501979/2000
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6,300,275. JP-A-523526/2002 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,124,391. JP-A-542364/2002
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In accordance with the amendments to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a) (revisions effective October 21, 2004) and as discussed in the October 19, 2004 Official Gazette (1287 OG 163), copies of

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U.S. patents and published applications cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not enclosed.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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